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SUBJECT: GOG ANNOUNCES VOTER REGISTRATION PROGRAM

LONDON FOR SEITZ

REF: ACCRA 5367

1. GOG CIVIL REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DEPT. ANNOUNCED JULY 18 THAT ABOUT 4.5 MILLION GHANAIS ARE TO BE REGISTERED FROM AUGUST 1 TO SEPTEMBER 29, 1977 IN PREPARATION FOR A REFERENDUM ON FUTURE GOVERNMENT FOR GHANA. COUNTRY HAS BEEN DIVIDED INTO THREE ZONES AND REGISTRATIONS WILL BE UNDERTAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

-- ZONE ONE (GREATER ACCRA, WESTERN AND CENTRAL REGIONS, AUGUST 1 - 30).

-- ZONE TWO (EASTERN AND ASHANTI REGIONS, AUGUST 15 - SEPTEMBER 14)

-- ZONE THREE (VOLTA, BRONG-AHAFO, NORTHERN AND UPPER REGIONS, AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 29). CITIZENS OF GHANA 21 YEARS OR ABOVE WHO ARE OF SOUND MIND ARE ELIGIBLE FOR REGISTRATION.

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2. COMMENT: DATE OF REFERENDUM IS NOT PRESENTLY KNOWN. WHEN GOG RELEASED ITS PROPOSED TWO-YEAR TIMETABLE FOR TRANSITION TO CONSTITUTIONAL RULE (REFTEL), REFERENDUM WAS TO BE HELD MARCH 30, 1978. HOWEVER, REGISTRATION PROCESS ITSELF HAS BEEN SPEEDED UP (UNDER TWO-YEAR TIMETABLE IT WAS TO RUN FROM AUGUST 1, 1977 - JANUARY 31, 1978) AND IT SEEMS PROBABLE REFERENDUM

WILL BE HELD EARLIER THAN INITIALLY PLANNED. IF, AS WE BELIEVE,
GOG HAS AGREED TO A ONE-YEAR TRANSITION PERIOD AS PART OF
ITS COMPROMISE WITH STRIKING PROFESSIONALS, NEW DATES IN
THE TRANSITION PROCESS SHOULD BE ANNOUNCED SOON.
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